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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2008, Arizona had 357,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 16,000 head from a year ago and up 1,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 37,000 head during July, 5,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 2,000 head from last year.

On August 1, 2008, California had 515,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 25,000 head from last year and a decrease of 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 45,000 head during July, 6,000 head less than last year. During July, 48,000 head were marketed, down 6,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.87 million head on August 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below August 1, 2007 and 9 percent below August 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.66 million, 2 percent above 2007 but 15 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.62 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves

weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 476,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 2007 and 5 percent above 2006.

Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during July, 26 percent below 2007 and 22 percent below 2006.

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